

STRONG RUSSIAN STAND TO DEFEND WARSAW

AGAINST AN EXPECTED DRIVE BY GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS SOON

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"MAN POWER" OF NATION Is Being Ascertained by England and Munition Campaign is in Full Swing.

LONDON, June 25.—Something in the nature of a lull in the fighting as compared to the feverish activity of the last fortnight is enabling the military observers on both sides to take stock of the present situation and forecast future operations.

Petrograd claims that the Russian defense positions are so secure that the Austro-Germans will not be able to withdraw many troops for use against the allies of Russia. The Russians assert further that their present line before Warsaw is as strong as it ever was and that their armies on the river, Dniester, will fall back only if the eastward drive of the Austro-Germans from Lemberg threatens to cut them off.

The authorities of the central empire are less communicative concerning their future intentions and movements but it is believed that Warsaw again is their objective.

In England, the campaign for munitions is in full swing with the possibility of national registration to obtain certain "man power" of the nation. That England appreciates the need of adding to her fighting resources is significant by the publication in the London Times of tables showing that the casualties of officers during the last month came within a few hundred of the total of near casualties during the entire South African war. The total in South Africa was 2,752, while the list since May 26 shows that 2,440 officers have been killed or wounded or reported missing.

TEUTONS REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

PETROGRAD, June 24, via London, June 25.—Austro-German forces were repulsed with heavy losses at three points on the Dniester river by the Russians, according to an official statement given out today under date of the twenty-third. In the Kosmierzine district the Russians carried by assault a strongly fortified height. Enormous losses are said to have been inflicted upon the Germans in the region of Kogany. Referring to operations near Lemberg, the statement asserts Russian counter attacks were successful.

FURTHER PROGRESS IS BEING MADE BY FRENCH

PARIS, June 25.—The French war office today issued the following statement:

"In the region to the north of Arras French troops last night made further progress. In the labyrinth a German counter attack has been repulsed. In the Champagne district near Rheims as well as in the region of Perthes, the enemy yesterday and last night effected two groups of mines. They were not even able to occupy the excavations made by these mine explosions. In the Argonne and at Vauquois the fighting with mines continues and there occurred several local engagements. On the eastern front the German trench the Germans last evening delivered a violent attack along our entire front. After having succeeded in penetrating that portion of their former second line of defenses, which we occupied, they were thrown out of these positions by our own attack. At midnight the enemy attempted a further offensive but were dispersed with heavy losses. In Lorraine the enemy yesterday twice endeavored to retake the positions it had lost near Mientry. It was completely repulsed. In the Vosges two German infantry attacks were checked. A German aviator threw five bombs on the sanatorium at Zuydoville but without doing any damage."

GERMANS CLAIMING SUCCESSES IN WEST

BERLIN, June 25.—German army headquarters today gave out the following:

"On the west front all attacks of the enemy yesterday were repulsed and German troops made local gains in several places. The village of Kopschyska has been evacuated by the Germans. At a point to the west of Estgun German troops have taken possession of a part of the enemy's line. The situation of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army which was northwest of Hallez on the river, the German attacks are advancing. The left wing of the army is now near Chodorow."

Otto Morrison, of Salem, visited the city Friday.

A. E. Stewart arrived home from Philadelphia Friday morning where he spent three weeks in the interest of the John O'Hare Company.

RELIEF MEAT SHIPPED.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, June 25.—Three thousand pounds of meat were shipped to the war sufferers in Poland today by the Polish central relief committee, an organization registered in America. To date \$109,551 has been collected by the committee.

EXECUTIVE

Committee of Prohibition Party is Called to Meet Here July 8.

For the purpose of taking action on the handicap to the party resulting from the passage of the White primary bill recently by the state legislature, a meeting of the state executive committee of the Prohibition party has been called for July 8 at the Parsons hotel in this city.

The call has been issued by the Rev. J. W. Bedford, of Parsons, state chairman. He asks that every member of the committee be present, either in person or by proxy as the matter to be considered, he says, is of pressing importance to the party. The meeting will begin at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

SENTENCED TO WORK.

For stealing rides on a train in the local railroad yards, Lawrence Duttie, Ward Pierce, and Norman Ogle are serving sentences of ten days each on the county roads. They were sentenced last Thursday by Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner in default of paying fines of \$5 and costs each.

SUIT AGAINST HATFIELD IS A GREAT OUTRAGE

SALEM

SALEM, June 25.—The Baptist Bible school will render a children's program at 10 o'clock Sunday morning entitled "The Trail Illumined." It will consist of various class exercises and parts by the primary department of the school, and an address by the pastor. The special offering will take the place of the day session of the school and the morning public worship.

Ex-Senator H. C. Lockney, of Stumpstown, was here this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. John H. Marlow. He returned home Tuesday, taking with him Masters Ralph and John Marlow, who will spend the summer with him on the farm.

Wilbur Gain, of Bridgeport, visited his father here this week.

E. B. Robinson is on a business trip to Ravenswood.

Mrs. Rigo, of Richmond, Va., arrived in the city Thursday morning and will visit her son, John Rigo, for several weeks.

George E. Cochran, of Wheeling, a commercial traveler, visited this city Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harding, who were married here Tuesday at the Baptist church, and who have been at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Clarence Lough, since the ceremony, departed for their home at midnight Thursday evening, where they will reside. Mr. Harding is in business there.

WILLISON ELECTED

First President of West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

The West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants has been organized at a meeting held at Huntington. Officers were elected as follows:

Frank A. Willison, of Clarksburg, president; W. O. Dickey, of Huntington, first vice president; R. F. Eiden, of Clarksburg, second vice president; O. R. Hayslip, of Huntington, secretary; and R. S. Lemon, of Parkersburg, treasurer.

A committee on by-laws was appointed consisting of Frank A. Willison, R. S. Lemon and W. O. Dickey. The committee will meet at Parkersburg June 29 to frame the by-laws of the organization.

Affiliation with the American Association of Public Accountants is planned by the state society at an early date.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS.

BLUEFIELD, June 25.—Shipments of coal over the Norfolk and Western railroad for the month of May were 1,778,338 tons. Shipments of coke from the Pocahontas field were 64,872 tons.

HARRY THAW CONFIDENT AS HIS SANITY TRIAL GETS UNDER WAY



Harry Thaw, his mother and sister, Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie, on way to sanity hearing.

Harry K. Thaw, for the seventh time since he killed Stanford White nine years ago, has appeared in a New York court to begin what many believe will be the last round in his fight for freedom. Thaw is supremely confident. Two of the most interested spectators at the trial are his mother, Mrs. William Thaw, and his devoted sister, Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie, known as the "guardian angel" of the famous prisoner.

DECLARES THE CONDUCTOR OF THE TRAIN ON WHICH GOVERNOR'S BIBLE WAS TAKEN.

SALEM

CHARLESTON, June 25.—"It is the most outrageous thing I ever heard of in my whole existence," declared the conductor of the train on which Governor Hatfield's Bible was taken, when questioned here as to his opinion of the suit for \$10,000 damages brought against Governor Hatfield by W. L. Abbott, supposed to be a traveling salesman for Midvale, Pa., steel concern.

Captain Switzer was in charge of the train on which the incident involving the theft of a Bible from Governor Hatfield occurred and was an eye-witness to the whole affair.

Governor Hatfield did nothing more than any self-respecting man would have done under the circumstances—in fact, he dealt with them very much lighter than I would have done," said Captain Switzer.

"I have been surprised at the misleading statements which have appeared in certain newspapers of West Virginia relative to this affair and the manner in which the whole thing has been so grossly misrepresented. For this reason I feel it my duty as a man to give the truth to the newspapers and I do it absolutely of my own volition."

Captain Switzer, who is a brother of Congressman Robert M. Switzer, of Gallipolis, O., ventured to say that in his opinion the men who stole the book from the table in the dining room did so with the expectation that Governor Hatfield would offer a reward for the recovery and that

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HUNDRED LIVES

Are Lost in the Collapse of a River Pier at a Pleasure Garden in Russia.

PETROGRAD, via London, June 25.—A despatch from Kazan in European Russia some 400 miles east of Moscow says that upwards of 100 lives have been lost in the collapse of a river pier in one of the local pleasure gardens. The last steamer returning to the city was scheduled to leave the island at midnight. A crowd was forcing its way to the boat in the darkness over the flimsy pier when the structure collapsed under their weight and virtually everybody was thrown into the water. Only a few persons were saved.

RECEIVES INHERITANCE TAX.

CHARLESTON, June 25.—A check for \$3,300 has been received by the state tax commissioner as part payment of the inheritance tax on the estate of the late Wilbur H. Tallman, of Wheeling. The Dollar Savings and Trust Company is executor of the estate.

OLIVE

OLIVE, June 25.—R. D. Newlon was a business visitor on Grass run Wednesday.

Harold Swiger motored to Clarksburg a few days ago.

Miss Pearl Newlon was a recent visitor to Clarksburg.

Ray Sandy visited friends here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newlon and children, of Wallace, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Newlon.

Harold Swiger, Carl Swiger, Earl Bramer and Misses Harriet Linville and Ethel Estlack motored to Salem Sunday, where they attended the dedication of the new church.

Funeral services over the body of Lonnie Hurst were held at Sardis Sunday afternoon and burial was in the Sardis cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Bramer attended the funeral of their uncle, Mr. Hurst Sunday afternoon at Sardis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Watkins, of Brown, called on their son, O. C. Watkins, Sunday.

Archie Fortney, Glenn Coffman and Misses Pearl Newlon and Lucy Sandy motored to Wallace Sunday evening to attend the children's exercises there Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Watkins and daughter, Garnet, attended children's exercises at Wallace Sunday evening.

Mrs. James Moore and Mrs. John Strother and daughter, Miss Ada, were business visitors here from Flag run Wednesday.

Mrs. Hannah and daughter, of Sardis, are visiting friends here for a few days.

Miss Mabel Hooper returned home from Bridgeport Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harbert and brother, Lloyd, motored to Clarksburg Wednesday, where they looked after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Webb and children visited Mrs. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newlon, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Cumberland and Miss Lizzy Strother, of Flag run, were here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Audie Strother are the proud parents of a fine baby girl weighing eight pounds. Mother and baby are getting along nicely, and Mr. Strother is thought to be recovering slowly.

"Dock" Dennison and Tilman Swiger are building a small addition to R. D. Dennison's house.

GRADUAL ADVANCE

Along the Isonzo River by the Italian Troops Announced by the Staff.

ROME, June 24, via Paris, June 25.—A gradual advance along the Isonzo river with the occupation of Globas, north of Plava, and the edge of the plateau between Sagrado and Monfalcone is announced in an official statement issued tonight at the headquarters of the Italian general staff.

LONG ELECTRIC LINE RUMOR CIRCULATED

At Grafton Where the Harrison Drug Act is Evidently Not Being Enforced.

GRAFTON, June 25.—While an electric line be built in the near future from Wheeling to Baltimore, by way of Grafton and along the lines of the Tygart's Valley river from west of this city? That is the big question that has been raised in the minds of the people of Grafton and Taylor county, by the sudden resumption of activities along the partially completed line of the Buckhannon and Northern railroad near Valley Falls. Or does it mean that another railroad is to come through this section? Something is certainly going to occur that will be of importance.

A company giving its name as the Pennsylvania Company, has leased land of C. N. Mason, at Valley Falls, this county, on which will be built a stable to hold twenty-five horses and a couple of buildings to house twenty men. The horses will arrive the first of the week and the men are engineering corps of the firm. It is said a preliminary survey will be made of the territory at once. The man in charge states further that his company will build a high-power electric line from Wheeling, via Grafton, to Baltimore.

The representative of the committee purchased a lot of supplies here from Grafton dealers and went to Tunnelton to get material for the shanties that will be put up.

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UNIQUELY WORDED PROGRAM IS ISSUED

WAR-HORSE CONTRACT.

(By Associated Press.) FORT WORTH, Tex., June 25.—A new contract for 30,000 horses to be filled in Fort Worth markets for the French and English governments was awarded today to a local horse commission firm.

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The Rev. I. N. Holt is elected to give an address in which he may tell the leading qualifications of a good Sunday school teacher, and a sure process of finding the necessary supply.

Pastor Workman, of Mt. Clare, has the opportunity of telling what concerns the making of boys' gangs into the best Christian citizens, or he may give the ear marks of a good boy—or a bad one.

Finally, we have a place for others who have the mind to speak some happy word of cheer, and leave this program subject to any changes that the chairman may find to be properly desirable.

YALE WINS

Second Varsity Race at Regatta on Thames River at New London.

NEW LONDON, June 25.—This is regatta day on the Thames, Yale and Harvard rowing three races, the second varsity and the freshman crews going a two-mile course and the big race, the varsity eight, over a four mile course. Yale won the second varsity, which was rowed before noon, catching the water first and holding the lead to the finish, going the course in ten minutes, forty seconds. Harvard finished in ten forty-three. The freshman crew was to have been rowed half an hour later but when the crews came to the starting line a strong wind ruced up the water and the race was postponed until later in the day. The big race probably will be rowed in the early evening.

BALTZLEY FUNERAL

Services Will Be Held at 3 O'clock Next Saturday Afternoon.

William H. Baltzley, aged 65 years, a well-known resident of Stealey Heights, died at 11:25 o'clock Thursday night at his home at 420 Milford street, after an illness. Mr. Baltzley was first taken ill of bronchial trouble and later other complications developed, causing his death.

The deceased man is survived by one son, Charles H. Baltzley, of West, and two sisters. The sisters are, Mrs. John W. Watkins, of Milford road; and Mrs. J. W. Sheets, of Davison run.

Mr. Baltzley was a member of Chickasaw Tribe No. 36. Improved Order of Red Men and the order, assisted by the Rev. W. M. Slaughter, will have charge of the funeral services, which will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of his niece, Mrs. Guy Burnside, on Milford street, Stealey Heights. The burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Tracey K. Jones and Marian Flowers and Ira W. Robinson and Blanche May Carson.

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